



Disclaimer: I hope you will find these notes helpful. They are not a complete representation of the meeting, but rather the highlights of topics discussed. Feel free to contact Erin Murphy or Zachary Burton at Westfield City Services Center: communications@westfield.in.gov or (317) 804-3001 if you have any questions.

MEETING SUMMARY

January 26, 2016

Introductions

Jim opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Mayor Q&A

Mayor Cook updated WeCAN members on Census activities. Reminded people to use WeCONNECT for pothole issues. Talked about the recent opening of the Jonathon Byrd's Fieldhouse. Grand Opening of the Grand Park Event Center will happen weekend of July 22.

The group discussed the development process for the city, how much we should grow, where that growth should occur, what appropriate growth looks like.

Joe Edwards – Introduction

New City Councilor Joe Edwards introduced himself to the group. Previously served on Town Council from 1980 – 1992. Wants to focus on creating sustainable growth for the community.

Brenda Myers – Hamilton County Tourism

Brenda Myers gave a presentation regarding tourism in Hamilton County and Westfield. 2014 brought \$388M in direct tourism spending in Hamilton County. Tourism direct employment was 10,250 (up 2.4%). Indirect tourism was \$641.1M (up 4.8%).

Since 2005, tourism spending in Indiana grew by 45% (adjusted for inflation). 57,000 rooms were sourced for Grand Park last year (in all of central Indiana). Half those rooms were in Hamilton County. Hotels are needed and are coming to Hamilton County / Westfield.

Hamilton County Tourism gave \$1M towards construction of Grand Park right out of the gate.

Brenda also discussed the activities for the State Bicentennial. October 13 – Bicentennial Torch enters Westfield around 4:45-5:00 PM on its way to Noblesville. More info can be found at www.visithamiltoncounty.com

Programming

Jim opened up the discussion to the group about programming for 2016. Ideas included:

- Organization of HOA's
- Size of the city / planning for growth
- Parks plans for land acquisition
- HOA legislation at the Statehouse
- WPD update on public safety
- Public Works – SR 32/East Street presentation
- Basic review of covenants in HOA's so that they don't have unforeseen effects. What role does city have in regulating?
- Schools update

Wrap-Up

Jim concluded the meeting at 8:30 p.m.